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1. PER REFTEL EMBASSY NOMINATES E.T.A.S. DONDEH FOR OCA PROLINK PROJECT. BORN IN BANJUL, NOV 20, 1945, DONDEH IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE CHILD. HE HAS NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. DONDEH'S PERMANENT ADDRESS IS: 7 WILLIAM ST, BANJUL.

2. A TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR, DONDEH IS HEAD OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AT GAMBIA VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (ONLY POST-HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL CENTER IN COUNTRY). HE ASSISTS PRINCIPAL IN GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, SUPERVISES STAFF, AND TRAINS ALL HANDICRAFT TEACHERS IN COUNTRY. DONDEH SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, SOME GERMAN, AND LOCAL LANGUAGES.

3. EDUCATED THROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL IN GAMBIA, DONDEH CAME TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AS STUDENT IN 1961 AND HAS REMAINED SINCE. HOWEVER, FROM 1964-67 HE STUDIED MECHANICAL ENGINEERING IN WEST GERMANY AND WAS IN UK 1970-72 WHERE HE AWARDED PROFESSIONAL DEGREE IN ENGINEERING AND EDUCATION.

4. DONDEH HAS TRAVELED IN EUROPE, BUT NEVER VISITED U.S. HE WANTS VISIT U.S. VOCATIONAL INSTITUTES, TECHNICAL TEACHER TRAINING CENTERS, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTERS, AND MAJOR U.S. CITIES. HE IS INTERESTED IN

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AMERICAN SPORTS, ESPECIALLY BASKETBALL. HE PREFERS TO

PARTICIPATE IN APRIL-MAY PERIOD, AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AN AUTUMN GRANT.

5. DONDEH WILL TRAVEL WITH GROUP, SHARE HOTEL ROOM, AND HOPES TO VISIT AMERICAN FAMILIES. HE WOULD BE HAPPY WITH EITHER MALE OR FEMALE ESCORT AND WILL TALK TO GROUPS.

6. NOTABLY ARTICULATE AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT VOCATIONAL TRAINING, DONDEH PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN A FIELD WHICH IS OFTEN NEGLECTED HERE. THE GAMBIAN GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE NEED FOR MORE TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AND DONDEH WILL PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN FUTURE EXPANSION VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

7. FULL APPLICATION FOLLOWS BY POUCH.
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